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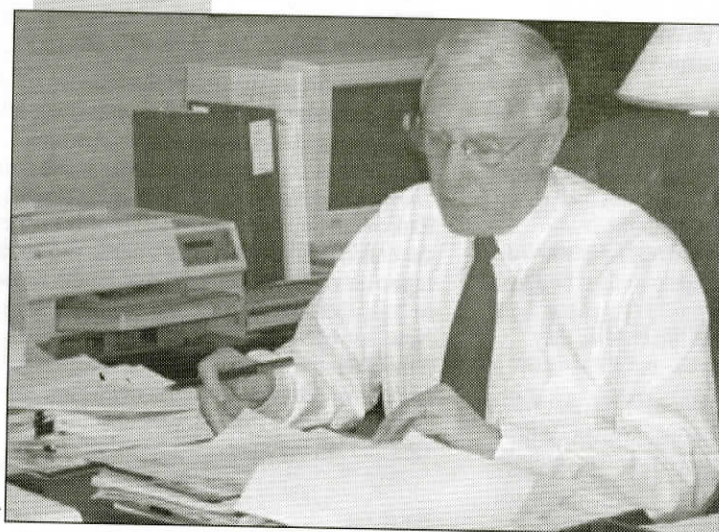
These friends let people know about Bryan and attract financial and testimonial support to help the college grow.

Bryan College trustees, however, know that building enthusiasm for the college is only part of the job. Their roles as policy-makers, advisors and friends to the college administration and larger college family may be behind the scenes, but are critical to maintaining the strength and direction of the institution.

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Bryan's trustees are a mixture of alumni and non-alums, bankers, lawyers, educators, entrepreneurs and retirees who share a vision for a Christian liberal arts education such as the college offers. Board Chairman Glenn Stophel, a Chattanooga attorney, said, "Board members



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are very competent, motivated and supportive of the ministry of the college.

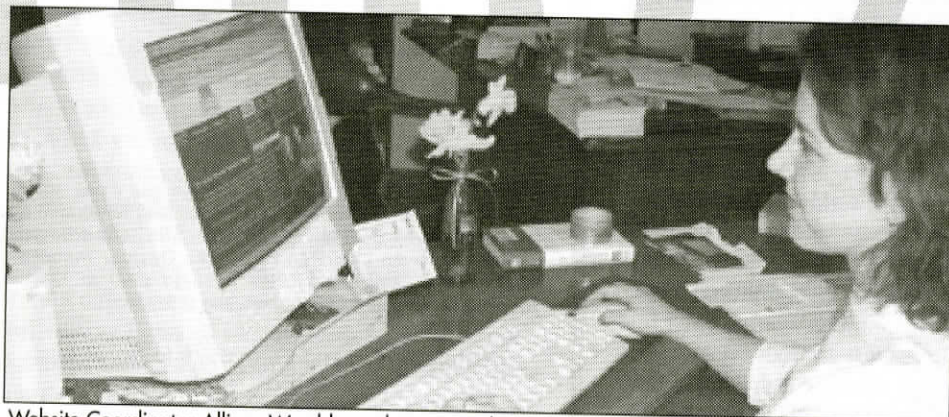
"We have started a process, more pronounced in the past four years, of evaluating where the board is now, what gifts, attributes and skills we have, what we would like to have. We wanted diversity, both geographically and personally. Delana Bice is from Texas; we have trustees from North Carolina and Georgia.

"We sought out educators, and we have Arliss Roaden, who was

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WWW.BRYAN.EDU

has new look, manager



Website Coordinator Allison Womble works on www.bryan.edu as the college prepares to launch its new page on the worldwide web.

by Allison Womble, '98

I returned to Bryan in July 2001, to a newly created position of website coordinator. I earned a degree in English at Bryan in 1998, and a master's degree in rhetoric and composition this past December. During my time in graduate school, I found myself interested in cyberpoetry, online communication, hypertext theory and web design. This "virtual" form of communication fascinated me, especially

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A VERDICT THAT DEMANDS EVIDENCE

Episode One: 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Road'

The twentieth century was not a particularly good one for Christianity in America. Sure, there were some outstanding moments and movements but by the end of the century the Christian cultural influence was dim and unsalted. We had little voice in the public square and were known more for what we are against than what we are for. Our withdrawal from engaging mainstream culture left us branded as anti-intellectual, narrow-minded bigots.

You may be saying, "Wait a minute, Brown! We didn't leave mainstream culture, it left us." True, but why are we demanding that the world conform to Christianity? We have the responsibility to connect with culture not sniff at the nonchristian values and behaviors of nonchristians. It's time that we get off our high horse and take the high ground.

It is our responsibility to connect with the culture. The Apostle Paul even charges us to use our freedom in Christ to enslave ourselves to everyone (1 Corinthians 9:19).

Enslave? You've got to be kidding! Enslave ourselves to a secular culture?

Yes. For the purpose of winning them to Christ. Paul goes so far as to give examples of the kinds of philosophies and lifestyles he engaged: the weak . . . those under the law . . . those without the law . . . (1 Corinthians 9:20-23). He wanted to know what made them tick so that he could build a bridge for them to Christ. What were their interests? What made their lives worthwhile? Why did they make the life choices they did?

The parallels for today's culture are obvious. Now that we are a good ways down the path into a new century, where do we set our hearts and minds to effectively engage our culture?

In an attempt to "understand the times," here are four trends and predictions to which we must be prepared to respond.

Looking Up, Looking In

Over the next few years, there will be a continued growing interest in spiritual things. A recent poll revealed that 82 percent of Americans say they want to experience spiritual growth, the highest ever recorded. Ninety percent say they pray regularly. In spite of this spiritual renewal, there is little interest in religion, particularly in organized churches. George Gallup Jr. notes, "Spirituality in America may be 3,000 miles wide, but it remains only 3 inches deep." The popular American version of God is of a kindly creator/supervisor who is not concerned with personal moral decisions. As a result, the Transcendental religions and movements will experience tremendous growth because of their open view of God and devotion to spirituality without the baggage of moral codes.

No More Scarlet Letters

Americans will show a continued openness to allowing personal choice in moral issues. Those who condemn immorality (particularly of the sexual varieties) will be perceived as narrow-minded, repressive and unenlightened. Those who dare to make moral pronouncements will decrease in number. This is due mainly to the sexual tsunami sweeping American culture, even among Christians. Pornography is no longer limited to adult bookstores and premium cable channels. The vilest forms of sexual activities are available free on the Internet where the viewer can peruse to his lusts' content with no accountability. This "hidden secret" among Christians (who are part of the epidemic internet porn addiction) takes the edge off publicly speaking out against that immorality.

Slouching Toward Nothing

America is in the grip of entertainment fatigue. We can't live with it; we can't live without it. How many hundreds of channels are available to us (yet how often do we say, "There's



Dr. William E. Brown

From the President

nothing on TV")? We have seen everything special effects can conjure for us, and we are bored. As a result, relatively cheap television programs focusing on human relations dominate the evening television smorgasbord (*The Real World*, *Survivor*, *Temptation Island*, *The Mole*, ad nauseum).

Why is this so important? Because we are a culture dominated by entertainment in every form—movies, television and, especially, music. Thomas Hibbs of Boston College reveals the emptiness of contemporary television and movies in his book, *Shows about Nothing: Nihilism in Popular Culture from the Exorcist to Seinfeld*. Sheila Davis of NYU strongly supports the understanding that today's music is a "potent force in shaping society." Entertainment provides the framework for youth to build their worldviews. It is their "equipment for living." Now, however, negative and destructive messages are the rule rather than the exception. Music, the greatest influence on our kids, gives a legitimacy and style to these messages. We've come a long way from "I want to hold your hand" to "I want to rape and kill my mother."

The goth god of this new nihilism is Marilyn Manson who stated on CNN, "God is dead, you are your own god. It's a lot about self-preservation . . . It's the part of you that no longer has hope in mankind. And you realize that you are the only thing you believe in."

The nihilism sweeping the entertainment landscape devalues the human spirit and ridicules human aspirations. Suffering is not tragic, but another opportunity to laugh at someone. Why? Because nothing matters.

It's All About Me

The most obvious feature of today's postmodern culture is the emphasis on the individual as the most important unit of society. We are a law, a reality, a world, unto ourselves. We are "An Army of One." Marketing will focus on how to individualize the desires and needs of consumers. From individualized educational opportunities to personal entertainment schedules, we want it our way.

Episode Two: A New Beginning?

Addressing these realities and trends is the challenge of the Church. We have been mired in moralism so long that we have forgotten that morality is an outgrowth of the truth, not its central core. It is the fruit, not the root, of the biblical worldview. As C. S. Lewis reminds us, Christianity tells us about how the world is, how it operates. It is either true or false.

But in today's postmodern climate, "true or false" doesn't mean much. People usually choose a worldview that fits their lifestyle choices. As a result, we can convince people that Jesus is the Son of God and the Bible is the Word of God and their answer will be, "That's nice." Ultimate truths seem to have little impact on the individual in today's society.

This means we live in a "verdict that demands evidence" world. People want to see lives of substance and meaning and then will want to know what it is you believe that makes you live that way. They will see your hope and want to know why (1 Peter 3:15).

Meeting the spiritual needs of society and countering the nihilism of popular culture are where the biblical perspective is the most effective. But we must live a life that is radically Christian—not just moral, but absolutely glowing with hope, truth and love. American society needs to see that Christianity works. Then they will learn that Christianity is not true because it works; it works because it is true.

Christianity has the potential to become the cultural catalyst for the new century. Our nation is plagued by indecision and uncertainty about the future, particularly in the areas of medical ethics, end of life issues and public morality. We are in a state of moral paralysis. The biblical worldview provides the basis for understanding the true nature of humanity and our responsibility to God and others.

Todd Gitlin, a former radical from the sixties and now a professor at Berkeley, writes, "The cultural upwellings and wildness of the 60's kicked out the props of a teetering moral structure, but the new house has yet to be built."

The new century is upon us. We have the right foundation to build on. Let's do it!

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DECLARE HIS GLORY

Mission conference aims to 'Declare His Glory'

Missionaries who work to "Declare His Glory Among the Nations," shared insights with Bryan students and others during the biennial missions conference as the spring semester began in January.

Keynoting the conference was Marilyn Laszlo, '59, a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators who spent 28 years in Papua New Guinea. Twenty-one missionaries, including five Bryan alumni, represented 14 missions agencies at the conference.

Miss Laszlo used her life story as an encouragement to the students to be open to God's leading, no matter what direction He may indicate. "You will never know God's will for your life until you take a step. God can't open or close a door unless we are moving," she said.

After graduating from Bryan, she taught for five years before becoming sure God was calling her into mission service. She wrote to five missions agencies and pursued Wycliffe, the first to respond. After linguistic training, she went to Papua New Guinea in March 1967, and returned home in the mid-1990s to care for her aging parents. However, she maintains her relationship with Wycliffe, traveling and speaking extensively in the United States. "Last year I went to more than 200 meetings and spoke to 123,000 people," she said.

She encouraged the students to remain faithful to whatever God calls them to do. "I assumed I was going to be married," she said. "I had always had a boyfriend, but my calling was so strong I wasn't going to give up my calling for anyone."



Missions conference speaker Marilyn Laszlo, '59, speaks with Mr. Fred Bedford, '85, and Dr. Mayme Bedford, '65, following one of her presentations.

"What I am seeing on college campuses is a lot of wrong relationships. If one is called and the other is not, that's a wrong relationship." She urged the students to develop healthy relationships where both parties share a commitment to obeying God and following His leading. "If you don't want to do the will of God, just count on being miserable the rest of your life. But you can have God's peace when you do what God wants you to do."

She said when she reached the point of being able to begin translating scripture into the language of the people group she was working with she found they had a creation story similar to that found in Genesis. As they discussed the important matters in their culture the peo-

ple told her they believe it is wrong to lie, steal, kill, to commit adultery and that it is important to respect the elders.

She realized that Christianity "works" in every culture because "every person in the world has been created in God's image and has been prepared by God for this Book. It breaks through every single cultural, racial, ethnic, color and language barrier. That's why Jesus could say, 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.' He didn't give us an impossible task."

That task is not without cost, however. She told of contracting trichinosis from eating undercooked meat.

"Each year 10 to 30 people died when they killed the wild pigs," but no one seemed to understand why. When she became ill she had to return to the States for treatment and her illness was diagnosed. "I wrote back to the village to cook pig until it is not red. Since 1975, not one villager has died from trichinosis. What a privilege to have trichinosis for Jesus."

Conference Chairman Debra Smith, a sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., said she was "very pleased" with the conference. "My main goal was for people to be impacted individually. I've heard a lot of people say God really used it in their lives. Some got interested in missions, some dealt with specific issues in their lives."

The conference was directed by a nine-member student committee with staff leadership provided by Melody Benson, college counselor.

Dawson McAllister shines light on temptation

Temptation is no sin, but it is an attempt by Satan to turn believers to evil, conference speaker and national radio host Dawson McAllister said during a visit to Bryan in February.

Speaking from James 1, Mr. McAllister pointed out that even Christ was tempted, but did not sin. "Testing by God is to bring out the good," he said. "Abraham was tested to bring out his faith. Satan and his demons tempt to bring out evil." Sin follows temptation and our being carried away.

"This is a fishing analogy; literally, we are lured," he said. "When you are fishing, you cover the hook with the bait. Satan makes us think, 'I gotta have the bait.'" As we lust after the "bait," lust conceives sin, which brings forth death. He cautioned his audience that such temptation often comes when we have won a victory, suffered a defeat or when we are weak.

The shifting lights of Satan's lures are what often attract us to sin, he said. And Satan has targeted those who are committed to Christ "because it's God's hope that you leave here on fire to reach this most challenging generation. Remember, there is no changing light show with God."

FACULTY/STAFF NOTES

Dr. Bob Andrews and **Mrs. Kelly Stultz** sang with the Chattanooga Singers and the Glenn Draper Singers for the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., in February.

Dr. Bill Brown spoke to the First Priority group at Rhea County High School in November. Dr. Brown, with **Dr. David Masoner**, **Mr. Brett Roes** and the Worldview Team met with alumni and prospective students in Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Brown spoke at Richland Bible Fellowship Church in Dallas and at the Association of Christian Schools International conference in November at Cedarville College and in Birmingham, Ala., in February. Dr. Brown and the Advancement staff hosted a worldview/alumni weekend in Atlanta in January. Dr. Brown, the vice presidents and financial aid director attended Council of Christian Colleges and Universities meetings in Orlando, Fla., in February. He spoke at First Baptist Church in Spring City, Tenn., in February. He and **Mr. Terry Hill** attended Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities meetings in Nashville, Tenn., in February.

Dr. Richard Cornelius has edited a new edition of *Selected Orations of William Jennings Bryan*. In January, he lectured to a group from Washington and Jefferson College, and in February, He and **Dr. Kurt Wise** spoke to a group of biology students from Georgia College in Milledgeville, Ga., who came to

Dayton to visit the Rhea County Courthouse. Dr. Cornelius also prepared an exhibit on the Scopes Trial for display at the Clarence Brown Theater at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville during a production of *Inherit the Wind* in February.

Mr. Mike Crook, **Mr. Mike Weller** and three Bryan student athletic trainers attended the 10th annual Tennessee Athletic Training Society Symposium in Nashville in January.

Mr. Tom Davis presented four Sunday school lessons on the Scopes Trial and related issues at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga., in February.

Dr. Peter Held spoke for the Deerfoot Community Bible Church Anniversary Sunday in Birmingham, Ala., in January, and at a couples retreat in Gatlinburg, Tenn., for New Union Baptist Church of Dayton in February.

Dr. Dennis Ingolfsland had reviews of the top 10 college-level books on the historical study of Jesus published on the Jesus Archive web page (<http://Jesusarchive.com>). Go to "What's new" and select "Special Feature: The Best Jesus Books of the Decade." His letter, "Who is really banning books from Libraries?" about censorship of books by conservative writers in secular libraries, was published by *Perspective Magazine*, *The Chattanooga Times-Free Press* and *The Herald-News* in Dayton this fall. It was

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Professors plan courses, trip to Germany

By Jessica Echerd
Triangle Staff Writer

For the first time in Bryan history, three teachers are going to make it possible for students, friends and faculty to travel to Germany in December. The trip is to focus on the Reformation.

The dream began 20 years ago with Dr. Raymond Legg, associate professor of English. It was during this

after this that Dr. Legg set out to pursue his dream.

Although Dr. Legg wanted to go to Germany as soon as possible, his dream only became a reality after the fall of the Berlin Wall. "It was simply too dangerous to visit Germany at a time when Communism was so rampant," he said.

Legg discussed his idea with Dr. Mel Wilhoit, professor of music, and Dr. William Ketchersid, professor of history, about five years ago, and they were both supportive of the idea. Now the trip is finally a reality.

"I love travel and am always looking for the opportunity. Plus, this trip gave me an excuse to organize travel," Dr. Wilhoit commented.

Dr. Wilhoit contacted Casterbridge Tours, which made it possible for anyone to go on the trip, regardless of their affiliation with the school. "This tour focuses on the educational part of a country, not just the geographical location, and this is where Dr. Ketchersid came in the picture," Dr. Legg said.

Dr. Ketchersid will teach a course on the Reformation, which will consist mainly of reading and discussion. "It is my goal for the students to be

able to understand the Reformation by experiencing it," Dr. Ketchersid said.

"The only way for them to experience that is to actually take part in the same surroundings."

The itinerary has already been designed, and consists

of 10 different cities the group will tour: Worms, Heidelberg, Rothenberg, Nuremberg, Coburg, Eisenach, Erfurt, Leipzig, Wittenburg and Berlin.

There are no prerequisites to go on this trip for those who are enrolled at Bryan. Although the trip does not count for credit, there are several associated classes that will count as credit and be offered in the fall semester. These classes will help prepare students to visit Germany by learning about it first. The courses that will be offered in the fall semester are still being discussed.

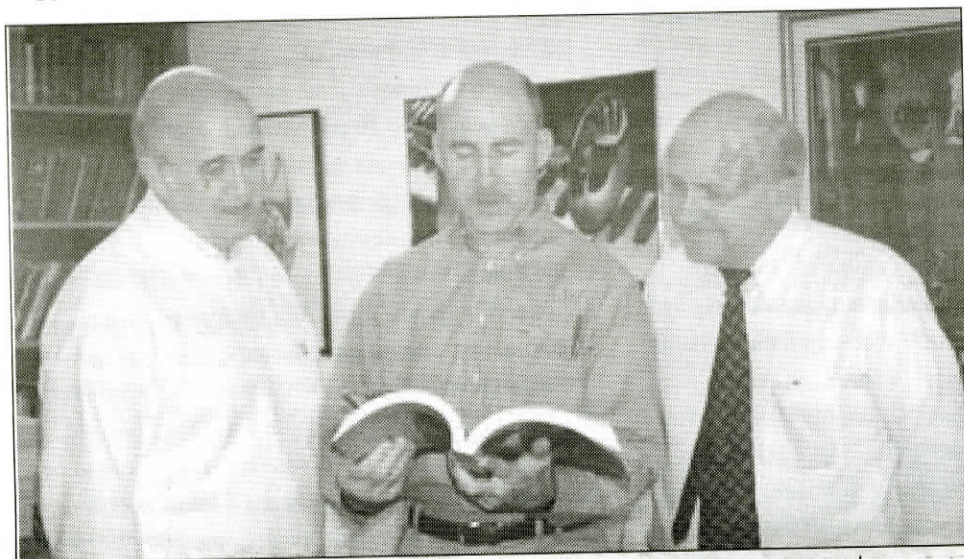
Twenty-one students have already shown an interest in the trip, and all but three showed interest in taking all of the course credits that will be available to them this fall semester.

"These courses are offered to anyone, but especially to those who are planning to take part in this trip," Dr. Wilhoit said. "It is an integrated education at best, and this trip offers students to actually see the integration of all of these courses. Church history brings these arts together as a whole. For those who plan to take any of these courses, all class work will be done by the time this trip takes place, so there will be no academic responsibilities.

Dr. Legg said he hopes the group will have an enriching experience of study and a unique understanding of the Reformation as it traces the steps of Martin Luther.

"Finally," he said, "I hope that their vision for the world will be made broader since Christianity extends outside our own confines. Imagine being able to say that you once touched the door of the ninety-five theses, which began the time of the Reformation."

The trip will take place Dec. 27, 2001-Jan. 6, 2002. Those traveling will meet in Atlanta and fly to Frankfurt, Germany. The cost is approximately \$2,200 per student.



Dr. Ray Legg, Dr. Mel Wilhoit and Dr. Bill Ketchersid look over some of the artistic treasures they expect to see during the Reformation tour to Germany this December.

time of his life that he was involved in seminary, but he was mostly interested in the period of the Reformation. Instead of taking the usual church history course that was offered to seminary students, he decided to take a course on Martin Luther and the Reformation. It was

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read on the "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger radio program. He presented a paper entitled "The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith" to the Oxford Society of Scholars at St. Michael's Church in Oxford, England, in January. While in Oxford, he lectured to Oxford Graduate School doctoral students on "The Third Quest for the Historical Jesus."

Mrs. Vonnie Johnson attended a training session presented by netLibrary at Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville in November. Bryan has an ebooks database by newLibrary containing 15,000 volumes.

Miss Laura Kaufman attended the Appalachian College Association library administration retreat at Kentucky Christian College and the College and University Libraries section of the Tennessee Library Association at Middle Tennessee State University in October.

Dr. Bill Ketchersid attended the Southern Historical Association annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., in November. He and a group of students traveled to Washington, D.C., for the Federal Seminar and attended the inauguration of President George W. Bush in January.

Dr. Sigrid Luther presided at various meetings of the Music Teachers National Association Southern

Division conference and competitions at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in January. She spoke to the Chattanooga Student Music Teachers Association on "The Christian Perspective of Musical Performance" in February.

Dr. Rick Morton attended the Youth Ministry Educators' Forum in Toronto, Canada in October and presented a paper entitled "Analysis of Aggression in Adolescents." He also had an article entitled "Media and Aggression" accepted for publication in the March 2001 issue of Youth Ministry Update.

Dr. Gary Phillips, Dr. Paul Boling, Dr. David Fouts, Dr. Peter Held, Dr. Ernie Ricketts and Dr. Ken Hanna attended the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in Nashville, Tenn., in November.

Dr. Jeff Myers spoke at the Greenhouse Home Educators convention in Decatur, Ill., and the Chattanooga Resource Foundation in Chattanooga in February.

Ms. Anne Rader has been named a peer reviewer by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. This will involve visiting financial aid offices across the country to review compliance of policies and procedures with nationally accepted standards and to make recommendations based on the review. She coordinated a home school college and financial aid

fair at Bryan College in January.

Dr. Travis Ricketts had an article on the African-American experience in the Pacific Theater published in the World War II in the Pacific: An Encyclopedia.

Dr. Robert Simpson attended the Appalachian College Association's Dean's Conference in Pipestem, W. Va., in November.

Mr. John Stonestreet and the Worldview Team presented workshops at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Columbus, Ga., in December, and Monroe Academy and New Life Church in Monroeville, Ala., in January.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit is one of 500 contributors to the new *Guide to U.S. Popular Culture*, with two articles on church music. He also sang in the opera chorus for the Chattanooga Opera production of Rossini's *Barber of Seville*.

Miss Allison Womble received the Master of Arts degree in English Rhetoric and Composition from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in December.

COLLEGE CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE IN YEAR SINCE FIRE

The setting was the same, but the emotions were dramatically different as the Bryan College community gathered in Rudd Auditorium for a thanksgiving service on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the Administration Building fire.

"We're not going to be here long tonight, not as long as the fire burned," Bryan President Dr. William E. Brown said. "We just want to set up a stone of remembrances."

Those remembrances came in the form of songs of praise, recognition of firemen who had fought the blaze, and comments from representatives of the faculty, staff and students.

After showing the "Beauty from Ashes" video made in the weeks following the fire, development officer Jim Barth, '57, told how as a student he had helped build the building.

"When I came to Bryan, there was no tower, just three floors on the Ad Building," he said. "The third floor was finished as the girls' dorm. Now there's a tower four stories high, but no third floor. I helped build the tower. We didn't have the concrete pumps we do today, but we had to push wheelbarrows full of wet concrete up ramps to where it was needed."

"The Administration Building is the only building left on campus that was here when I came in 1953. While the third floor was burning, I wondered why God was allowing this to happen to us; really, to me. I had helped build the building, and it represented the financial gifts of many, many people. A few years after I graduated I came back as a trustee and served for 22 years. Now I've been on staff for 14 years. I felt, 'God, I've been serving you, and here it's going up in smoke.'" But the next day, as he realized that so much had

been lost, "there was nothing to do but surrender it all to Him. Now look what He is doing!"

Dr. Bob Simpson, professor of mathematics and computer science, said he and his wife, Nan, were amazed at the emotions they saw on campus as the fire raged. "The attitude I saw was, 'What is God doing?' and 'What's He going to do?' There were tears, but Nan remarked that weeping lasts for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

"Things had changed by the next morning. The media were here from Chattanooga expecting to see sadness, but we started the chapel program with praise. John Carpenter, '86, advisor to the student newspaper *The Triangle*, announced that *The Triangle* staff would meet: 'We finally have a real story to cover.'"

He told of Dr. Brown's asking faculty members who had not lost an office to "adopt" those who had; the computer systems personnel who restored the campus computer network within a few days; the maintenance department that handled untold numbers of tasks—"There's not a college in the land with a maintenance department like ours."

He spoke of the emotions of faculty who lost research, and those who later found they hadn't sustained the losses they expected. "There was the science department's joy in seeing the eagle come out of the building—he's still dirty, but he's safe; the sadness at seeing Dr. Henning's collection lost, but later the joy in realizing much of it has been saved."

He remembered the "electrifying experience" of seeing Brock Hall converted to the college's administrative headquarters in just a few hours. "I'll never forget the leadership

of Dr. Brown and the cabinet. Never once did we sense doubt that our Lord is in control and loves us.

"I'd like to see a pile of those nasty, charred yellow bricks left in the middle of campus so that when my grandchildren come I can tell them what the Lord has done and is doing."

Vashti Pearson, a senior from Birmingham, Ala., said, "I get nostalgic about being able to leave the dorm five minutes before class and get there on time after checking our mail. In the hall we could see almost all of the faculty and staff. I miss the sense of community we had in the Ad Building."

Despite the loss of the central building, the sense of community remains a priority for students. "It's so much more precious to us. We savor the sense of how we are part of something greater, part of how God has worked so mightily in Bryan."

"Those of us who graduate this year won't see the rebuilding completed. This reminds me that so much of what we do as Christians we might not see, but it yields a greater weight of glory."

"I appreciate the example of the faculty and staff. It's amazing to see how they have poured their lives into us. Even in the face of incredible obstacles, they stayed and continued to be faithful. Theirs is an example of the power of Christ, a passion for Christ and perseverance in the face of incredible obstacles."

And Academic Vice President Dr. David Masoner said the students' faithfulness also has been demonstrated through a "phenomenal retention. Ninety-one percent of the students who were eligible returned this fall. It's an incredible testimony that God is in the business of redeeming."

'NEW CAMPUS' TAKING SHAPE, ON SCHEDULE

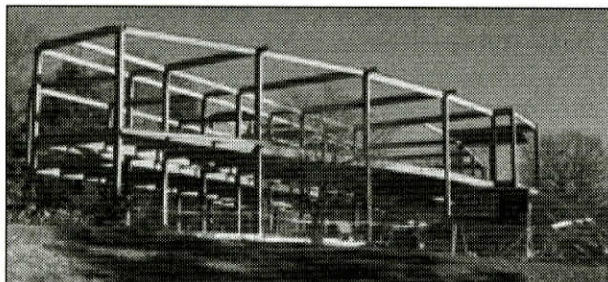
The steel skeleton of the new library is essentially complete, and workers are ready to put the third-floor roof on the Administration Building as the "new" Bryan campus begins to take shape.

Vice President for Operations Tim Hostetler said at the beginning of March both the library and Administration Building projects are on schedule for completion in time to be open with the Fall 2001 semester.

Rooms have been framed in on the first floor of the Administration Building, with much of the drywall in place. Framing is nearing completion on the second floor. Electrical and air conditioning work is about half finished on the two floors, and the sprinkler system is nearly complete.

Workmen were putting the steel girders and roof trusses in place for the third floor early in March.

Next to the Administration Building, the library is beginning to take shape. The last of the steel was set early in March and preparations were being made to finish pouring the concrete floor. Work also was beginning on the building's exterior walls.

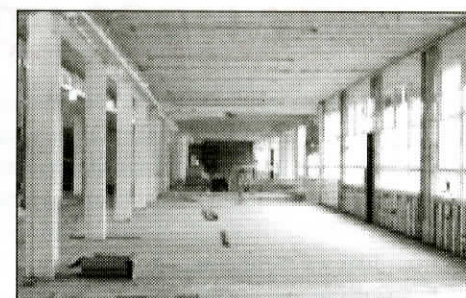
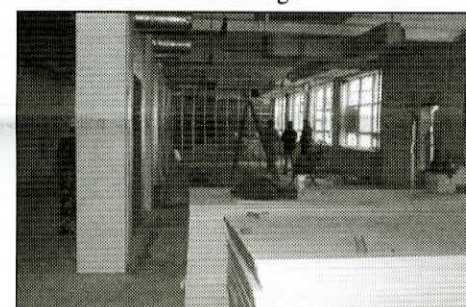


On Faculty Circle, the new home for the college president is also taking shape. When students left for spring break the first weekend of March, the house had no roof. When they returned, the roof was on and workers were getting ready to erect the brick facade. Rooms had been framed in, the stairs installed and most of the windows were in place.

Mr. Hostetler said the house is on schedule for Dr. Brown and his family to move in late June.

Meanwhile, on the other side of campus, work was to resume in mid-March on the new maintenance building, located behind the soccer and baseball fields. Completion of that building will allow the maintenance department to operate out of one facility and free space in the present smaller building for other purposes, Mr. Hostetler said.

And, as weather permits this spring, dirt work on the baseball field is to be completed, with a goal of having grass in place by this fall.



SPORTS



Lions competitive in trying season

A team small in stature played like giants this season, but the Bryan men's basketball team fell short of retaining the conference championship they won a year ago.

Coach Morris Michalski said, "I'm respectful of the season, but not satisfied. We preach a winning attitude and winning efforts and leave the (scoreboard) results to God. To a large degree, we practiced that the whole year."

After the Lions got off to one of their best starts in years, 8-2-against strong competition, they lost two key inside players and began looking for ways to overcome.

"We managed to invent and reinvent ways to be successful," the coach said. "I'm proud of our people for being able to do that. Even though we lost big play makers Josh Lien and Renaldo Atkins at semester break, we were awfully close to being a real impressive team."



Brett Wright aims for a score during a Lions' game this spring.

The Lions lost David Arute in October to a career-ending knee injury, and lost Matt Correll after five games to a back injury.

He pointed out that the team's 16-14 record doesn't truly indicate the competitive play by the Lions this year. "Only one of our conference losses was by more than 10 points, and there were only two other losses by more than 10 points. Every other setback was by eight points or less. We were extremely competitive."

The Lions actually played four overtime games, including two that went to double overtime, with three of those games in one week.

High points for the season including sweeping Covenant, beating Tennessee Temple at home, and beating Brevard, the eventual conference tournament champions, at home. He also is proud of tournament victories at Palm Beach Atlantic and Cedarville University.

On the other side of the ledger, the Lions fell twice to Lee, once in double overtime, once on a shot at the buzzer. A loss to Milligan at home in the last six seconds of the game, and the tournament loss to Bluefield were particularly painful, he said.

Coach Michalski had particular praise for his captains, seniors Jason Beschta and Travis Stevens. "Jason played hurt all season, nagging, significant injuries, but he still managed to be one of the greatest scorers in the history of this college-2,136 points for his career. This season he again averaged 20 points per game."

Travis, although only 6'2", played inside when the team needed help there. "In my opinion, Travis was the

most versatile, best all around player in the conference," the coach said. "He ranked in the top ten of six of the eight statistical categories the conference tracks, and he finished his career with 1,444 points."

He also saluted two freshmen for their contributions. "Chris Travis from Dayton found a way to change the game most every time he got on the floor. And Jim Hanson of Knoxville joined the team in the second semester as such a welcome addition. He was our biggest player at 6'9" and actually led our conference in shot blocking.

"Both young men have a bright future. I don't know where we would have been without the infusion of their talent when we needed it."

As the coach hits the recruiting trail he will be looking for big players with proven scoring ability. In addition to Travis and Jason, the team will lose Shun Malone and Jason Beattie to graduation this year.

Jason Beschta and Travis Stevens were named to the All-Conference team; "Beschta will be an All-American again, and both were named to the NCCAA All-Mid-East Region Team," he said. The Lions also placed four players on the AAC and national All-Academic team: Jason, Aaron Braun-Duin, Michael Carter and Jared Jones.

And the coach added that the Bryan fans are the best in the league. "The fans and school spirit are superior, wonderful," he said. "This place is just the best. I'm so grateful to play in such a great supporting environment."

Lady Lions improve, get vision for success

"Better" and "close" are two words that can describe the 2000-2001 Lady Lions basketball season.

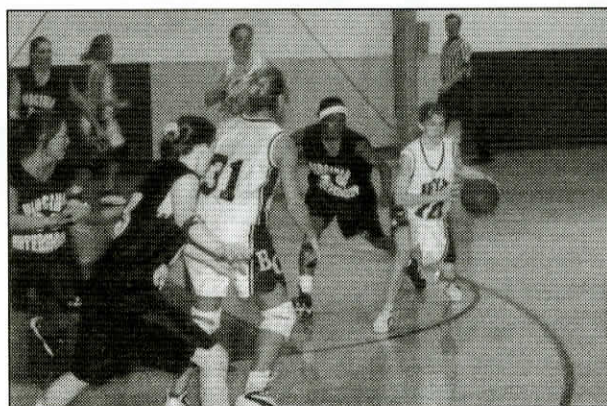
A better record from a year ago-improving to 9-20-and playing competitively gave team members a taste of what could be.

"I felt like we were competitive," Coach Jerri Beck said. "We were just a step away from putting it all together. That caused a lot of frustration because the girls knew we were close to where we want to be. It was hard to lose a lot."

Coach Beck, who stepped up when Dr. Ray Burwick resigned in January, said even the losses had silver linings. "For the most part, we were in each game until the end. It seemed we would play well up to a point, but couldn't play well beyond that point."

As the season wound down, the games "gave us a good vision of the future, what we can do. The good play at the end of the season made the girls believe they can do it."

One of the confidence-builders was beating sixth-seeded Covenant College - at Covenant - in the first round of the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament. The Lady Lions faced Tennessee Wesleyan in the second round and led most of the game before finally dropping the contest. Wesleyan went on to win the tournament.



Brooke Wilson looks for an advantage during a Lady Lions' game at home.

"I'm excited about next season," Coach Beck said. "The team has no seniors, so everybody should be back. We have signed a set of twins from Chattanooga, and I think they'll be able to make a strong contribution immediately."

Another encouraging sign is that the team showed balance. "We were not one-player oriented," she said. "There wasn't one player our opponents could shut down and stop us. We had five players averaging about 10 points per game, but different people would step up each game as the high-point player."

Several players earned honors for their play in the



Coach Jerri Beck gives her team some instructions during a time-out.

conference and region including Katie White, named to the All AAC Freshman Team and honorable mention All Conference team. She also earned All-Mid-East Region honors in the NCCAA.

Brook Wilson, Brandi Gaskey, Jenny Heaton, Kimmie Hill and Robin Wedekind were named to the AAC All-Academic Team, and Kate Strunk and Tara LaRoy were honorable mention members of the NCCAA Mid-East Region Team.

"We are a young team with a bright future," Coach Beck said.

SPORTS continued

Tennis Lions look to improve; Lady Lions rebuilding

An experienced men's tennis team is aiming to improve its conference standings this season, while the women face a rebuilding year, Coach Bob Andrews said as the spring season got under way.

Senior Rachelle Elliott and sophomore Jessica Weil are the only women returning from the 2000 squad, and Dr. Andrews is looking to them for leadership. "Rachelle is our only four-year player," he said. "She's the backbone of this team. She's moving up to No. 1 this year.

The women lost four seniors to graduation last year, including Alison Villanova, who spent four years playing No. 1. This year, there are four freshmen, one sophomore and two seniors, one of whom is new to the team.



Members of the Lady Lions tennis team include, from left, front, Silvia Ayala, Rachelle Elliott, Andrea Thedford, Jessica Weil and Katie Lestmann. Back are trainer Eric Hutchinson, Courtney Roberts, Heidi Seera and Coach Bob Andrews.

"Traditionally, this is what is called a rebuilding year," the coach said. He's particularly counting on three of the new players who played for his wife, Lil, at Rhea County High School, senior transfer Andrea Thedford, sophomore Heidi Seera and freshman Katie Lestmann. "Without them, we'd be lost."

Early in the season he said the Lady Lions are "playing pretty well in doubles," but he is looking for improvement in singles play.

About the men, Dr. Andrews said, "This is the strongest men's team in the five years I've coached here."

The squad is led by captains Josh Johnson and Matt Snead. "Matt came back strong this year after spending last year in China. He didn't pick up a racket, but he came back strong," the coach said.



Members of the men's tennis team include, from left, front, Carlos Ayala, Rob Martin and Jonathan Hardin. Back are Coach Bob Andrews, Matt Snead, Mike Sheddman, Ross Hubler, Jeff Hall, Josh Johnson, Kent Suter and trainer Lucas Lewis.

"We have three guys that could play No. 1, Matt, Josh and Carlos Ayala, and six guys who could play any of the bottom positions. With Mike (Sheddman), Jeff (Hall), Ross (Hubler), Rob (Martin), Kent (Suter) and Jonathan (Hardin), there just isn't any drop-off in talent.

"We have good leadership, good returning people and three strong freshman, one who will play No. 1 this year," he said.

With strengths he has seen so far, Dr. Andrews expects the team to improve from its fifth-place finish in the conference a year ago. "We should finish in the top four," he said.

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executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. We just brought DeVan Ard on the board, president of AmSouth Bank in Nashville. Bob Bennett, a long-time trustee, is president of Rhea County National Bank in Dayton."

Other skills represented on the board include builder, entrepreneur, insurance executive and manufacturer. "The strength of the board is its diversity," trustee Erwin "Lat" Latimer said. "We've got to have diversity, men and women, alumni and non alumni, different experiences."

Although such diversity might create the possibility of conflict, trustees say the differences of opinion they may have generally center around means to achieve a goal rather than the goal itself.

"There is great excitement being part of a team which I think is unique to Bryan, a team that has such a clear focus and shares such a commitment on important things," said trustee Dr. Herb Sierk, a member of the Bryan Class of 1956. "There are always differences on how to get to an end, but we agree on the goals. I think this is true throughout the institution-faculty, staff and students."

Tom Beal, a member of the Class of '63, echoed that sentiment. "There are times when strong words need to be said, but we share a commitment to the welfare of the college."

"Even though times and circumstances change, Bryan has not changed from the foundation on which it was established. I think the Lord has blessed because we have kept our focus."

Mr. Beal and Dr. Sierk are two of the nine trustees who are Bryan alumni, so they had similar introductions to the college. Dr. Sierk graduated during the last year of the presidency of Dr. Judson Rudd, Bryan's third president, and was elected to the board in 1990, during the administration of Dr. Ken Hanna, the fifth president.

Mr. Beal, who was a student while Dr. Ted Mercer was president, returned to Bryan as a professor after completing his graduate degree. He taught for two years full-time and two more years part-time, then served on the National Advisory Council before joining the board in 1990.

With his three-fold viewpoint, Mr. Beal said he has seen first-hand Bryan's commitment to its essential values. "Even though times and circumstances change, Bryan has not changed from the foundation on which it was established. I think the Lord has blessed because we have kept our focus."

Part of the way the trustees keep their focus is through regular communication with the administration, faculty, staff and students. Dr. Sierk, a retired college



DeVan D. Ard Jr. of Nashville is Middle Tennessee Area Executive and Nashville City President of AmSouth Bank. (2001)



Tom Beal is chief operating officer for Wireless Telecommunication, Inc., in Columbus, Ga. (1990)



Bob Bennett is president and chief executive officer of Rhea County National Bank in Dayton. (1994)



Delana Bice is vice president of Bice and Associates Real Estate in Houston, Texas. (2000)



Dan Dorrill is vice president and insurance officer at First Tennessee Bank in Chattanooga. (1994)



Don Efird is owner of R. D. Efird Realty and Construction Co. in Kannapolis, N.C. (1969)



Bill Graf is a retired after serving as vice president for business affairs at The McCallie School in Chattanooga. (1988)



Ralph Green is a retired teacher, counselor and educational administrator from Dayton. (1993)



Marble Hensley is senior vice president of Arcadis Geraghty & Miller in Chattanooga. (1983)



Bill Hollin is executive director of the Rhea County Economic and Tourism Council in Dayton. (1990)



Erwin "Lat" Latimer is a retired executive in the food service industry from Chattanooga. (1992)



Earl Marler is a retired banking executive who continues his interest in that field by serving on the board of Cornerstone Bank in Chattanooga. (1980)

educator and administrator, said a close relationship between the trustees and other college bodies is unusual. "We are interested in knowing the people and seeing what they do."

"One thing here that I don't know of elsewhere is that our Academics and Student Life Committee meets with students every time we meet on campus. Their (students') concerns are very evident. We have had a number of occasions where we have altered directions as a result of conversations with students. For example, a couple of years ago there was real concern about computers and computer access. We have tried to address that."

But responding to suggestions is only part of what the trustees see as one of their jobs-anticipating needs and planning ways to achieve those goals. "The trustees look long-term to steer in the right direction," Mr. Beal explained.

Mr. Stophel said, for example, that the college is

planning to embark on another capital campaign to fund improvements such as the new library and reconstruction of the administration building. At the same time, trustees are considering what to do about growth in enrollment. "The Lord has provided parents and students who are interested in Bryan, so at least one new dorm needs to be in the plan."

Plans and dreams come from the administration as well. Mr. Latimer pointed out that "educators are dreamers. Bill (Dr. Brown) is. He has a lot of vision." And Mr. Stophel added, "We'll be looking to the administration and faculty to recommend" plans to address the changing educational and physical needs of the college in the coming years.

"Part of the excitement is not knowing exactly what we're going to do next because we're seeking God's will and seeking to follow Him as we get His direction," Mr. Stophel explained.

A case in point is the response to the Administration



Mickey Park is a retired pastor but continues ministry as a speaker from his home in Birmingham, Ala. (1980)



Betty Ruth Seera of Dayton, Tenn., is a volunteer in a number of community activities in Rhea County. (1998)



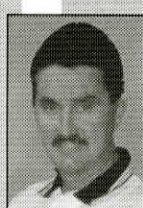
Raymon Perdue is retired senior vice president of Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co., and lives in Lookout Mountain, Ga. (1999)



Dr. Herbert Sierk is a retired college professor and administrator from Tryon, N.C. (1990-93; 1995)



Willard Price, from Friendsville, Tenn., is executive vice president and chief operating officer of First Central Bank of Lenoir City, Tenn. (1988)



Mike Smith is regional sales director for MetLife in Franklin, Tenn. (1998)



Lawrence Puckett of Cleveland, Tenn., is a judge for Tennessee's 10th Judicial Circuit. (1987)



Glenn Stophel is a partner in the Chambliss, Bahner and Stophel law firm in Chattanooga, Tenn. (1978-86; 1992)



Dr. Arliss Roaden of Bentwood, Tenn., is an educational consultant after retiring as executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. (1999)



C. Barry Whitney is president of S. M. Whitney Co., Inc., in Augusta, Ga. (1960)



Ginger Sattler of Chattanooga is an entrepreneur, with experience as president of Sattler Broadcasting, Inc., and as a public school teacher. (1995)

Building fire of February 2000. "We've seen the Lord do amazing things in the past year because of the fire," Mr. Beal said. "I believe at the end of the day we'll be a much stronger institution with a more state-of-the-art building than many similar institutions."

Mr. Stophel added that the fire starkly illustrated several points for trustees. "The number one thing is that it focused our prayer life. We realized we could give guidance, but the load was borne by the administration. And we realized the truth of Romans 8:28, that all things work together for good, even the bad things. We realized this may be a turning point for the college."

"The board was overwhelmed by the positive response of the administration, faculty and students, the attitude of wanting to see what God has in store for us. This has encouraged the board to look at what good can come from the fire."

A capital campaign illustrates another important function of trustees-fund-raising. "We have the oppor-

tunity to expose the college to foundations and people the college ordinarily wouldn't have relationships with," Mr. Beal said.

Mr. Stophel said making Bryan's distinctives known in the Chattanooga and surrounding areas is important for generating support. "The more the story is told of the quality of education, spirituality, dedication to Christ Above All-attributes Bryan College says it has-the more it becomes known in the community, the better our ability to be supportive."

When it comes to supporting Bryan College, trustees latch onto the school's commitment to excellence as a compelling selling point.

Dr. Sierk remembers that "when I was here (as a student) the faculty was exceptional, and the faculty still is exceptional. That's the key to higher education. But Bryan is more than just education in the academic sense; we look in terms of the whole person."

"I've been on a number of campuses around the country, and I don't believe there is another school like Bryan in terms of the total quality of educational exposure."

"Students who come to Bryan are also exceptional. When you put together an exceptional student body and

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has new look, manager

because now the Internet is a vital source of information. Anyone knows that website addresses are now listed underneath telephone numbers in contact information.

Over the past eight months we have been working to relocate, rearrange and rebuild Bryan's website. The former website was created and maintained by the computer department with help of part-time and full-time staff and student workers. Responsibility for the website was moved to the Advancement Department as an extension of the college's public information office shortly before I came on staff.

The new website is designed to be an accurate representation of Bryan to prospective students, parents, alumni and friends of the college. Brainstorm Design of Indianapolis, Ind., was hired to design the new site. Jim Wolfe, a 1978 Bryan graduate, is a principal in Brainstorm Design, a firm that handles graphic design for online and print media. Working with alumni is always a treat, and working with Brainstorm was no exception.

After our initial meeting, we went through four rough drafts of our website outline, a skeleton of over 900 pages of information from our website. While I feverishly worked to update, gather and revise content for our new site, Brainstorm completed design of the site and developed Bryan College-specific software for me to use to maintain the site. Finishing touches were made to our site, and it went live the second week in March.

You will notice many changes in www.bryan.edu. We now have a color scheme and layout reflecting Bryan's school colors and collegiate nature. This uniform look is clean and professional, yet engaging and academic. You will also notice a new set of options for the navigational bar across the top, links to "Worldview Studies" and "Athletics." Now you will find the Center for Origins Research and Education, Summit and the Worldview Team all under one umbrella. Since a third of the student body is involved in athletics, it seemed right for the athletics department to be easily accessible.

I encourage you to take a look at www.bryan.edu and let us know what you think. You can email me at webmaster@bryan.edu with any feedback you may have. We're always interested in hearing comments and suggestions!

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ALUMNI MATTER

Brett Roes



Whose Are You?

Prior to the kickoff of the 2000-2001 school year I had the opportunity to spend the day with a family friend. He and his dear wife brought their son to the Bryan College campus to, in his words, "Give us a 'look see.'" During the course of our conversation, as we toured the various facilities, my friend mentioned something that grabbed my attention. "My son, like a lot of 18-year-old boys, is full of wild oats and vinegar. I hope he will find out who he is while he's away at college."

How many of us came to college, awkward and unsure, trying to find out who we were? Even worse, how many of us left college wondering "Who am I?"

These questions stirred my thoughts and were the topic of an address I had the privilege of giving in chapel this past February. I challenged our students with this question: How do you determine whose you are?

The vast majority of our student body was raised in wholesome Christian homes. Being raised in a Godly home and a Christian environment can be extremely positive when it properly "insulates" kids from harmful situations and limits their opportunities for self-destructive behavior. However, sometimes a Christian upbringing can be negative when a child is isolated to the point that he or she is never allowed to make moral choices and see the divine relationship between actions and consequences.

As the child grows older the moral questions become increasingly more complex. Gone are the days of decisions about cartoons and candy and in are days of hormones, emotions, pressure to make good grades and a myriad of issues concerning the opposite sex.

Good Christian parents, out of pure motives I might add, sometimes unwittingly set their children up to fail in the most crucial area of all: their kids' personal walk with the Lord. In not being allowed to make simple moral choices along the way, young people fail to develop the ability to see the moral choices that mom and dad have made. Young people end up mimicking behavior and not making decisions. When students who are adept at mimicking behavior, as opposed to being skillful in making good moral choices, are faced with a situation they have never encountered before, they are destined for failure.

Some college students fail to see the reason their parents behave the way they do. In fact, some students here today have let their decision-making muscles lie dormant for so long that they can't even make the simplest of decisions without first seeking an opinion from a host of their peers.

On the other side of the fence we have students who are skillfully adept at making decisions and fully understand the connection between how they behave and the justice of the consequences they receive. Yet with this necessary skill in place they are still given to making poor decisions on a daily basis. How is it that kids with and without this skill are both making bad decisions?

Could it be that both these groups of kids have been making choices about who they are before they have made a decision about Whose they are? If you desire to act like you belong to God yet you are unable to do so

on a regular basis, could it be that you have never made the choice to let God own all of your life. Whose are you? If you are not God's property, then what is the alternative? Does God have the right to have your dreams, desires, aspirations, hopes, fears, career choices, future mate and other important decisions?

If you have not first made the decision about "Whose you are," all of your decisions about who you are will be made from an improper motive, even when your behavior happens to be good.

How then do you come to a decision about Whose you are? The following points are what I have called the "P-requisites" of determining "Whose you are:"

Purpose: What is the underlying purpose of the Christian life? Why did God save you? In II Cor. 5:6-9, Paul says that he made it his purpose whether in the body (here on earth) or out of the body (in heaven) to "please God." That's it. Understanding this one foundational truth would clear up half of the interpersonal issues in our churches today. Is what I am doing right now pleasing to God? Is my work, worship, friendship, relationship, food consumption... (You fill in the blank) ...pleasing to God? A lot of us are making decisions as believers based on what is pleasing to us! If what we do in our life is only pleasing to us then we have to ask, Whose are we?

Price: How much does belonging to God's cost?

Luke 14:33 says quite clearly God wants it all! God wants every area of your life to be under His control. God is not satisfied with a portion of our lives because He knows that it is not in our best interest to have the remainder of our lives under our control. Have we counted what it will cost to be a follower of Christ? God desires it all. He wants everything to be under His control.

Process: The process of becoming God's, or determining Whose we are is outlined for us in Philippians 2. Paul states that Christ emptied himself of all that He was, took on the attitude of a servant and became wholly obedient to God. The only way to become God's is to empty ourselves...of ourselves...so God can accomplish what He desires in and through our lives.

We can't make the choice of Whose we are until we come to grips with the purpose, the price and the process of becoming like Christ. Until that understanding of what God requires has been brought into the light and examined, decisions about who you are answer the question of Whose you are by default...you are your own.

So I put it to you: Whose are you? With the purpose, price and process freshly in your mind, is the answer what you thought it was when you first pondered the question? If not, are you willing to become wholly God's today?

Lion Tracks

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Reunions

Class of '41
October '01 (60 years)

Class of '46
October '01 (55 years)

CONNIE (PENICK), '40, FORD, maintains her home in Ashland, Ky., where she is frequently visited by children and grandchildren. She has kept the doctors busy this past year with tests, treatments, laser operations on both eyes and has been in the hospital after several falls. She attends church regularly, plus auxiliary and circle meetings monthly. With

help from her sisters and a yard man, she is able to stay at home.

SOLON, '43x, and KATHRYN (HIRSCHY), '43x, HOYT, live in their retirement home in Winona Lake, Ind., since they retired from missionary service in Argentina. They both were hospitalized last year, but are doing well now. Their son, Lynn, traveled to Argentina and was thrilled with what the Lord is doing there. Their son, Aldo, visited a mission in Germany when his company sent him there for two weeks of training.

ROBERT, '44, and ALICE (TUCKER), '47x, ST. JOHN last year celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary and their 82nd and 83rd birthdays in Tacoma, Wash. They have had some health problems, but recent reports have been good. Their four children and 11 grandchildren keep in close touch.

* **JEAN (CLARK) EARL, '45x**, is retiring in her home in Nashville, Tenn., by discontinuing her large garden plot and raises only flowers. Her two daughters and their sons visited her last year—one from California and the other from Baltimore, Md. She uses a battery-powered wheel chair at church on good days but finds it difficult to manage the load-

ing for other trips. She has a physical therapy routine to help keep her supporting muscles active.

ANGIE GARBBER, '47, is enjoying her life at Grace Village in Winona Lake, and requests that her mail be sent to the new address: 111 Grace Village Drive, Winona Lake, IN, 46590. She is finding the snow quite a contrast to the weather she experienced during her career in New Mexico working with the Navajo Indians. She attends the Lakeland Grace Brethren Church.

MIRIAM LEVENGOOD, '47x, Dayton, Tenn., though officially retired, has found ways in which to share in the work of TMM (Tennessee Mountain Mission) and its ministry through Cumberland Springs Bible Camp in the busy months of June and July. She assists with sorting mail for the local Women's Care Center and also handles mailings for five missionaries. At Grace Bible Church she teaches third- and fourth-grade girls, and last year was president of the senior group to plan programs for monthly noon lunches and organize other activities.

ILA RUTH MAHR, '48, was busy traveling during 2000, beginning with a trip to Hawaii to share with several family members to enjoy the beaches on the island of Hawaii, delicious food and gorgeous flowers, to celebrate her birthday. In April with three friends from Michigan she explored the Appalachians. On a trip to Brazil in May, she had a once-in-a-lifetime experience to observe the culmination of the life work of her friend Pat at the dedication of the Apinaye New Testament. It was a thrill to see and hear the Indians' applause as Pat unveiled the stack of fresh blue New Testaments in their own language—the first book ever for them. After spending time with relatives in the north last fall, Ila Ruth has decided to relocate in Alta, Iowa, close to two siblings and their families. Seeking the Lord's direction, she plans to move this spring from her home in Snellville, Ga., with snail and E-mail addresses provided later.

HELEN (PARDEN) GOEHRING, '48, rejoices in the Lord's comfort with the realization that "the joy of the Lord is her strength." At times she admits that the loneliness and grief since Lyman's homegoing sometimes overwhelms her, but she rests in the heavenly Father's promises. Her mother, age 95, lives next door to her sister, so she is well cared for. Her four children and her grandchildren keep in contact with her at her home in Lakeland, Fla.

ED, '48, and JANE (SUTTON), '49, LIEB, Crestview, Fla., visited Brazil last September to spend three weeks with daughters **LUCY, '76, and NANCY, '77x**. Ed preached more than 10 times in the Fortaleza area. In October they traveled to the Poconos in Pennsylvania to spend a week with Jane's siblings and their spouses. Ed had a new experience in November when he helped organize a ladies' missionary breakfast to encourage interest in missions as had been done for the men of their church.

GEORGE WESTROM, '49, became a scientist and engineer and worked in the aerospace industry for Rockwell and Ford for the past 40 years. His areas included inertial missile guidance, rocket propulsion, astrodynamics and scientific computers. He has also worked 15 years in artificial intelligence and robotics. About 11 years ago he started a non-profit volunteer organization called Future Scientist and Engineers of America. This hands-on program for school children grades four through 12 now is in 18 states and Puerto Rico. George retired about a year ago, but continues to keep busy. He and his wife, **MARGARET (MORGAN), '49**, are both in very good health and live about the 6,000-foot level in California.

John and **WANDA (LAUTZENHEISER), '49, BUCK** live in the Bradenton Missionary Village with a new address of 11010 12th Ave. E, Bradenton, FL 34202, phone (941) 746-3983 and E-mail: jlbuck17@juno.com. They have one main ministry which is a chapel service in a retirement home each Sunday morning, and they enjoy good Bible teaching at their church. In their village they share fellowship with more than 250 retired missionaries. Each Friday residents gather for a prayer breakfast and program. At Christmas they celebrated John's 80th birthday with other family members.

WANDA BURCHAM, '49, Penney Farms, Fla., who spent her career as a missionary nurse and teacher in India, received word that Jesudas, one of her students at Peddapalli Mission School and recently a Christian preacher and government worker, had been murdered. She was encouraged to

receive last November a letter from Jesudas' son stating, "I am thankful to the Lord for my father's precious life...that showed the life of Christ." Wanda requested prayer for Jehudas' wife, three sons and a daughter.

50's

Reunions

*Class of '51
May '01 (50 years)*

*Class of '56
October '01 (45 years)*

ELWIN LAMAR, '50, and DOROTHY (ALLEN), '52, MODERT emailed the Alumni Ministries office to say that Lamar has retired from his work as a staff engineer at Milsco Manufacturing Co. They live in Milwaukee, Wisc.

PAUL, '50x, and ELAINE (KENNARD), '47 SYERS, are teaching at Antioch Bible Institute in Ceara, Brazil, and Paul, with the help of some students, has constructed a front porch on the girls' dorm. He is expecting to have surgery on his second cataract when they return to the States in June. Their address will be: c/o E. L. Rader, 3531 Sheridan, Springfield, IL, 62703

LEONARD, '51, and DONA (BLAINE), '53x, MEZNAR, residents of Peoria, Ariz., near Phoenix, are grateful for their daughter Andrea's assistance in caring for her mother while Leonard continues his itinerant Jewish ministry. Last fall he spent 10 days in Columbia and Charleston, S.C., and Atlanta, Ga. In November, he went to Brazil and visited a number of cities. He was well received in several synagogues as a Gentile visitor and in one place was introduced as a "Jewish Gentile." In Porto Alegre he contacted about 200 residences and offices in a large Jewish section to share Hanukkah Gospel literature. He was able to have a number of personal visits with inquirers and prays for the Lord to continue working in hearts.

JACK, '52, LACEY with his wife and three sons reside in Stevensville, Mont. In April, Jack returned to Africa, where he met with a number of missionaries, including nationals he had known during his service there. In Kenya he visited the Emmaus Bible School where a mini Bible Institute was in progress. He went to Tanzania to share in some seminars. He also visited friends and believers in Burundi. His special joy was to go to Kigali, Rwanda, and meet friends he had known as long as 45 years ago. He learned that government and business offices close in Kigali for two hours and at noon each workday at the Good News Center approximately 500 people gather for singing, prayer and preaching. A carefully managed orphans' project cares for more than 300 children.

RON, '52, and GLADYS (JENNEWEIN), '50, MEZNAR have been very active in leadership roles in their church in Ocala, Fla. Their senior outing included a trip to the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. Their travels included a voyage to Barcelona, Spain, to visit son **MARC, '82**, and his wife **ANITA (BETSCH), '81**, and two daughters, Claire and Juliana. Marc took them to Switzerland to discover Gladys's genealogical roots in mountain villages and towns. Daughter **JILL THOMPSON, '75**, urged a family visit in Bangkok so Gladys and daughter **JENNY CHRISTIAANSE, '79**, plus Ron's sister La Verne made the trip. They were treated to a river raft and even a jostling elephant trek. In August the Marc Meznars from Spain visited Ocala, and in September Ron flew to Lisbon, Portugal, to teach a master's level module on I Corinthians at ABWE's Center for Pastoral Training. A family Christmas was planned for Williamsburg, Va., where Jill and Lee first met, but without the Barcelona Meznars. The 2001 schedule will be more of the same as the senior Meznars celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Spain.

ERNEST, '52, and LOIS (CARTWRIGHT), '54x, LEE were among the Solomon Islands refugees last year after spending six months in Auki on Malaita island overseeing the Pijin Old Testament project and finishing up projects from Kohimarama. In June they spent over three weeks in Honiara

getting things ready to sell or ship and were able to get a flight to Brisbane, Australia. After a week visiting friends in New Zealand, they returned to their home base in Dallas, Texas. This year they are working with a former missionary friend to check on the Jorai Old Testament translation for 200,000 Jorai speakers in Vietnam and Cambodia. This language is closely related to the Ronglai that the Lees learned in Vietnam while serving there.

RALPH, '54, and MELBA (MAYS), '55, MAYNARD returned recently after a year and a half ministering in Irian Jaya, Indonesia. This was a return to the area where they spent 15 years (1957-1972) under UFM International working with a stone-age tribe. On this trip they were on the coast teaching in the Hillcrest International School at Sentani. Melba worked with elementary students teaching English as a second language and Ralph taught Bible courses to the high schoolers. They visited the interior and were welcomed by their national friends, who thanked them for having brought the Word of God. Their son, **TIM, '83x**, who is an MAF missionary, was with them on this visit, to the delight of those who knew him as a young boy. The Maynards lived with Tim during most of their 11 months in Irian Jaya and observed his work in helping to keep the fleet of MAF planes flying. Their son, Grady, plans with his wife, Kim, and young daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to go to Indonesia, since he has been accepted by MAF as pilot and plane mechanic.

JOHN, '54, and JOYCE (JOHNSON), '54, RATHBUN in Mesquite Texas, find retirement days busy and challenging. John leads the Dallas chapter of Texas Christian Coalition and Joyce was vice president of the First Republican Women of Mesquite. As appointed delegates, they attended the Texas Republican State Convention in Houston in June. The God-honoring program throughout the three-day convention was most encouraging. Family visits included son Jim, his wife Kimberly and daughter Hannah, who returned from Venezuela after 13 years of ministry, to accept a position in TEAM's headquarters as the new member development department chairman. In July, John and Joyce went to Roach, Mo., to share in the celebration of son Joel's 40th birthday with his wife, Katrina, and their son, Austin's second birthday. In late August near Houston they celebrated granddaughter Hannah's 5th birthday with her parents, son Jim and his wife, Kimberly. In late September John's sister **PEARL RATHBUN, '56**, a retired TEAM missionary from Korea, visited from her retirement home in Carol Stream, Ill.

AUDREY MAYER, '54, residing in Waxhaw, N.C., at Wycliffe's JAARS headquarters, is still working for Wycliffe's personnel department. In October she plans to retire from Wycliffe, but will probably work part-time.

TOM, '54, and RUTH (SUTTON), '51, TAYLOR from their home in Dublin, Pa., traveled to conferences in the summer at Lake Geneva, Turkey Hill, Pinebrook, and others to enjoy fellowship and ministry. Ruth's family held a reunion in the Poconos and they shared in a Faith Seminary alumni reunion. Tom's highlight of the summer was at Turkey Hill Bible Camp when he got to play his harmonica well into the night with real musicians.

AL, '54, and MARY JEAN (McKINLEY), '54, WITTER maintain their retirement home in Gaithersburg, Md., but also include traveling in their schedule. In April they flew to Colorado to share in the adoption of Ruthanna Grace, their seventh grandchild, daughter of **STEPHEN, '81, and Carolyn WITTER**. Mary Jean went to Texas to see Capt. **RAN-DALL, '85**, and daughter **DEBORAH, '82, RASCH**, and their children, Rachael, Christie and Jon. In July they joined 85 members of the McKinley family for a reunion in Ohio. Al and Mary Jean are active in their home church assisting in ministry, helping in the AWANA program and the Believers at Berea Bible class. Al has continued his part-time work as a receptionist at Asbury Methodist Village and as a school bus driver for the Montgomery Public Schools.

G. EARL "BUD" HAMILTON JR., '55, recently came by the Alumni Ministries Office. He and his wife, Norma, were given a tour of the campus before traveling on from Overland Park, Kan., to Orlando, Fla., to visit their daughter. His funniest memory of Bryan was when Dean Rather called him and another student in for some correction; the other student sat down, leaned back in his chair and fell over. Bud laughed hysterically, but Dean Rather did not think it was funny.

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JAMES, '56, and **Barbara PITTS** are maintaining the Children's Haven of Morocco in Azrou. Barbara became ill with typhoid last September and needed two months and strong medicine to recover. They are grateful for additional helpers including the Millers and daughter Heather who is 17. They had 11 children under their care; then they received a set of twins, a girl and a boy, to give them two girls and 12 boys. They have four seniors in the Haven family who will graduate this year and need direction as to their next step. They have special need of funds for fuel this winter in Morocco, since prices have increased greatly.

CHARLES (Spud), '56, and **Charlotte WILLOUGHBY** flew to Texas in February, 2000, to work with Oremex Ministries at the video studio in Mission, Texas. They are video taping Spud as he teaches Survey of the Major Prophets in Spanish. This will complete a set of tapes including "Acts of the Apostles," "Survey of the Major Prophets" and "Survey of the Minor Prophets." Their five children share ministries in Berlin, Germany; Minas, Uruguay; Kansas City; and Patchogue, N.Y. The Willoughbys hope to return to Cuba for ministry this year.

DAVID, '57, and **KAY (TEMPLES), '55, HENRY** returned to Yakutsk, East Russia, in January after a short visit in the U.S. in the lower 48. Their route from Alaska went to New York and Moscow to be three-fourths of the way around the world to get to Yakutsk. They were told it was "warm" when they arrived, since it was warmer at -30 than it had been at -50 degrees.

DAVID L., '57, and **SHIRLEY (PITCHER), '57, MARSTELLER** recently informed the Alumni Ministries Office that David will be retiring, July 31, from 40 years of full-time ministry and will move to Lakeland, Fla. He is senior pastor at Hope Baptist Church in Hope, Mich.

DAVID, '57, and **SHIRLEY (PITCHER), '57, MARSTELLER** will have completed 40 years of full-time ministry as of Sept. 1, with 24 years at the Hope Baptist Church in Hope, Mich., where they live. They plan to leave their Hope responsibilities in September, but have not decided which of several options to pursue. Four of their children moved this past year and are active in various types of ministry in their churches.

LLOYD, '59, and **SANDY (SCHMICKL), '72, MATTHES**, continue as professors at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., and are active in the ministry of Heritage United Methodist Church. They assisted Sandy's mother, Virginia Schmickl (a former office secretary at Bryan), to move to Valley View Retirement Community in Lynchburg, Va. The Matthes' children, Phil and Becky, each have three children. Phil and his family live in Lynchburg, and Becky and family live in Birmingham, Ala.

RAYMOND, '59, and **SHIRLEY, '53S, HOLMES** have emailed the Alumni Ministries office from Pinellas Park, Fla., where they live from October to April; the rest of the year they live in Chattanooga, Tenn. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in September. Shirley retired from Bryan College and Raymond retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1991. They have operated a travel agency from their home for the past 25 years.

Russell and NANCY (GOEHRING), '60x, EBER-SOLE are at home in Shamong, N.J., and don't plan any more overseas trips until next year. They want to concentrate on a book, requested by ABWE for publication next summer, to highlight "the good hand of God" upon their lives and ministries through the years. The Ebersoles' "debriefing" ministry continues with ABWE's furloughing missionaries, allowing four to six hours with each single or couple including a meal. Three of their sons are medical doctors (one is preparing to go to Togo, Africa), one is a coach in a Christian school, one is a missionary in Bangladesh, one is a pastor starting a church which already has 100 adults and children attending, and two have positions in business. These eight children have provided their parents with 34 grandchildren, plus number 35 on the way.

Paul and REBEKAH (BOLLMAN), '63, MARCY reside in Wheaton, Ill., where Paul has worked at Wheaton College for 25 years. Rebekah tutors students and families. They often have college students helping them with yard or house work and with their "special needs son" David in transporting him to day training. Their son, Tim, lives and works in Boulder, Colo., and he will complete his internship in a research lab this year.

Dwight and LOIS (TABER), '63, BAKER, characterize the year 2000 as a two-act play. The first act was filled with grandmothering and preparations for a trip to Magadan, Russia, to teach at St. James Bible College. The second act had an undertone of uncertainty and concern about Lois's health. In Magadan, Dwight taught four hours each day on God as creator, as covenant maker, as king, as redeemer, as counselor, and as judge. Lois taught one hour per day on the topic of God as a missionary God, working her way through the Bible from Genesis to Malachi. Dwight spoke in four churches as well as at the New Life radio station. About two weeks after their return, Lois had an attack of vertigo and then exhaustion. She has improved but has no definite diagnosis by her doctors. Dwight has enjoyed his work at the U.S. Center for World Mission and William Carey International University, but their plans are to conclude their nearly seven years of service at the end of May. They are seeking the Lord's direction and pursuing several contacts. They would welcome communication through their E-mail address: dwightbake@aol.com.

Jack and KARIN (deROSSET), '64, TRAYLOR have been faithful Bryan staff members—Karin for 37 years and Jack as history professor for 22 years. In March last year Karin and her sister, **ROSIE, '69**, a Moody Bible Institute professor, flew to Madrid, Spain, where they met their brother, Fred. They traveled to Segovia to stay with Fred and his family in a private home near a medieval castle. They traveled to see beautiful scenery, old towns, castles, museums and heard the National Orchestra of Spain perform works by Brahms, Hayden and Turina during their 10-day tour.

WILLIAM D. BLACK, '64, recently shared with us the following, in his words: "I have been in the practice of nephrology in my hometown of Knoxville, Tenn., for 23 years. Three and a half years ago, my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. At the time of the diagnosis she already had widespread bony metastasis. She has lost 5-6 inches in height between her shoulders and hips. I have recently completed a book entitled *Finding Strength in Weakness - A Study of Tribulation and our Appropriate Response*. It is a book about human suffering and is written from the perspective of a Christian, physician, Vietnam veteran, caregiver and patient." William is founder and president of Renal Medical Associates, P.C., in Knoxville. He and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, Jason Matthew and Ryan David. He served five years during the 80's, as a Bryan trustee.

DAN, '65, and **LOUISE (GRAHAM), '68 SHEYDA** completed their Brazil assignment and returned to Charlotte, N.C., last June. Dan was responsible for the physical aspects of the Brazil Branch of Wycliffe, and Louise dealt with personnel issues of the 120 Wycliffe members. They were able to share in the joy of completion of two New Testaments that had been in progress for over 25 years and to rejoice also in the completion and printing of another translation that is scheduled for dedication at Easter. Now the Sheydas are happy to be in the U.S. where they can be more involved with

their three married children and their grandchildren.

WALTER, '66, and **Beverly WATTS**, who are at home in Hillside, Ill., spent Christmas 1999 in Saigon, Vietnam, as guests of Dinh and Nguyet and 2-year old Daniel. They spent 19 days visiting Nguyet's family, eating different foods, riding on crowded streets clinging to the back of a motorcycle, singing at a Karaoke cafe and attending church in a new CMA church building whose first floor parking was wall to wall motorcycles. They traveled to South Carolina to receive lots of hugs from their seven South Carolina grandchildren. In July their 12th grandchild was born, and previously at Easter they had 19 of the Watts family together in South Carolina for a week. They traveled after Thanksgiving to Virginia to see both daughters and their families and visit David and Linda's new home.

MARILYN TALMAGE, '68, writes us with excitement to say that she has become a single adoptive parent of two special-needs children, Carine and Timothy. They live in Watertown, S.D., where it is cold, snowy and beautiful. Marilyn recalls many memorable times while she was at Bryan and still feels privileged to have been used to start the Rhea County Youth for Christ Program and to set up the first integrated Bible camp in Spring City. She still keeps in touch with some of those children.

Daniel and CATHERINE (LEE), '68, FUNG had another globetrotting year in 2000. In March they traveled to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore and then to Seattle and Vancouver Island. Winging eastward they included Dublin, London, Hannover, Hamburg and Oslo. In Corke, Ireland, Catherine played the piano in a beautiful reception hall of the University of Edinburgh and had a photograph taken with the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. The fall gave time for stops in Philadelphia, Toronto, Atlantic City and Las Vegas. At Menomonie, Wisc., they visited their son, Francis, and his wife, and their children. After a stop in Washington, D.C., the Fungs ventured to Cuzco, Peru, via Lima, and took a train ride to Macha Piccha, the lost city of the Inca Empire. One more European trek took them to Darmstadt, Germany, where they stayed in a hotel near the Olympic swimming pool and Catherine swam and dived every day.

RON, '68, and **INGA (STENBERG), '68, NEELY** are giving thanks for the start of their Bible school with 13 students and for the daily provision of strength and grace to carry on this ministry in Jonkoping. They would appreciate prayer for governmental decision about visas for the Neely family and the Peterson family. They seek God's guidance in the future of the church and school. Ron is still dealing with some health problems resulting from his auto accident.

PAUL, '68, and **Sandy TIMBLIN**, Lemgo, Germany, started their spring semester at the Brake Bible Institute with a day of prayer on Jan. 5. In mid-January the Timblins completed their 24th year of ministry in Germany. During a week of meetings in November with a team of students in a church in Mannheim, the services went well. They contacted 150 students from a nearby university, inviting them to the church for a free meal each noon. A schedule of ministries for Paul's teaching includes the book of I John in a large Russian-German church in Gummersbach, the Gospel of John in the short term Word of Life Bible school, the book of Galatians in Schlangen, and a seminar on church elders in Wolfsburg. Sandy is teaching English to a lively group of students and she helps with hospitality for a small group that meets bi-weekly. The Timblins plan a short furlough to the U.S. during May and June.

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Reunions

Class of '61
October '01 (40 years)

Class of '66
October '01 (35 years)

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70's

Reunions

Class of '76
July '01 (25 years)

Class of '71
October '01 (30 years)

HAROLD, '70, and DOREEN (GASSMAN), '70, JENKINS provided Alumni Ministries with a photo from the Class of '70 Reunion at Bryan last fall. Harold said although they group was small in number, they had a great time.



Members of the Class of 1970 are pictured during their reunion during Homecoming 2000.

JANE ELLEN HODGES, '70, continues her ministry as a nurse at the Rhea Medical Center in Dayton Tenn. She also assists with a pre-school children's Sunday School class at Grace Bible Church. She was pleased to join her Bryan classmates who attended their 30th class reunion at homecoming last fall. She has also hosted a number of alumni, including parents of present students or prospects as they come for a visit or to enroll at Bryan. She welcomes friends to the "Hodges' Hotel."

HARVEY, '70x, and IRENE (WILSON), '69x, KLAMM, are satisfied residents of Lynchburg, Va., with a record for Harvey of this 29th year at the Lynchburg Christian Academy and his 12th year as administrator. Harvey spent the night in jail when the local "Crime Stoppers" had a fund raiser and the L.C.A. students paid for his jail time. Harvey prefers no more time behind bars even for charity! Irene is in her 13th year as school nurse at the Academy.

John and **JOYCE (BUICE), '70x, LARRABEE** continue their service with Baptist Mid-Missions in Brazil. In November they prepared the Christmas program at church by having each family assume responsibility for a portion of the service. Last October John made regular trips to Manaus (five hours each way) to rehearse with the seminary choir for their graduation on Dec. 9. He also taught at the seminary on the Bible's teaching about divorce and remarriage. They make trips on the Amazon River to reach other villages, including New Hope, which received some threats in the community that has caused attendance to drop off, but they still go and people are responding.

TED O. MEBERG, '71, contacted us recently. He is married to Beverly (Austin) Meberg and they have four daughters, Kirsten, Sonja, Anissa and Arianne and live in Altamonte Springs, Fla., where he is a secondary history teacher at Altamonte Christian School. When we asked Ted what his funniest experience was at Bryan, he said, "Going on a field trip with my freshman biology class; everyone drove, but one girl who rode with Dr. Henning...someone put a 'just married' sign on the back of their car."

RON, '73, and BARBARA, '73, DAVIDSON, of Loganville, Ga., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary

last December. Ron has had a great year of discipling many folks, particularly with Crown Ministries programs. Barbara has had a blessing in Titus 2 ministries. Their three children have been busy students all year in addition to being married and managing households. The Davidsons are excited to have their first grandchild, Luke Connor Davidson, son of Eric and Kristen.



The Davidson family pictured from left, front, Ron, Christy, Barbara and Wendy. Back are Mark T., Krista, Lila, Eric and Mark.

ROY, '73, and BARBARA (PECK), '73, REMINGTON, live and work in Roswell, Ga. Barbara continues her service in educational therapy at Fellowship Christian Academy and had the responsibility of accompanying a school trip to St. Simons Island. She has made several weekend and holiday trips to Orlando, Fla., to help her parents, **EARL, '49x, and LILLIAN (BORGARD), '44, PECK**, who have had some health problems. Together Roy and Barbara traveled to Missouri to attend their son Christopher's graduation from Army basic training. He was assigned to Korea for his first tour of duty. Their son, Drew, will graduate from high school this June.

BLAIR and LOUISE BENTLY (Honorary Alumni, '73) are retired from teaching and reside in Jackson, Tenn. Many will fondly recall their years of teaching at Bryan (1961-1973). After leaving Bryan, Louise taught at Union University, while Blair served as chairman of the history department at Dyersburg State Community College. Their children, **VICKY BENTLEY, '76, SMITH; SHARI BENTLEY, '79, HANBEY**; and Randall Bentley invite their friends and former students to a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for their parents on June 2, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Jackson. Those able to attend should RSVP by May 10, 2001 to Shari B. Hanbey, 1448 Schwartz Meadow Drive, O'Fallon, IL 62269. Directions will be sent upon receipt of RSVP.

Steve and **JAN (RASH), '74, TROSTLE**, in Malveira, Portugal, teach MK's at the Christian Academy. At Christmas the elementary students along with their son, Jonathan at the piano, presented an excellent Christmas program. The high school students went to the nursing home close by to minister. With Jonathan graduating from the academy this year, the Trostles are considering a change of location and an opportunity to expand their ministry. This year ABWE opened Good Hope Christian School in Cape Town, South Africa, to which they have been invited. They will be taking a year's furlough beginning in June and are seeking the Lord's direction about the next step.

JAMES, '74, and PEGGY (WENTWORTH), '74, STEELE celebrated Thanksgiving this year by spending one week in their family prayer time just thanking the Lord and not asking for anything. They are thankful for the improved health of their son, Chris, who was given a clean bill of health by the doctor. Jim is still looking for help in the Cedine Bible Camp kitchen to give him some relief during the busy summer camp months.

KAREN UNDERWOOD, '75, and VAN CAMPBELL, '75, telephoned with information on a Lost Lion. Also, they informed us that after 15 years as pastor of Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Indiana, Pa., Van and his family moved to Grove City, Pa., where he is professor of humanities, sociology and biblical studies at Grove City College.

TIM NEFF, '75, sent Alumni Ministries an email from Aracatuba, Brazil. After the death of his wife, **JOIA HAR-MON '75**, in April 1999, Tim married on Dec. 9, 2000, a Brazilian Christian woman, Eliane, who has two teenage chil-

dren, Ana, 16, and Luis, 14. She is a professional seamstress and Tim continues his missionary work of 20 years. He works mainly with athletes and church planting. He works with Atletas de Cristo, which is a Brazilian evangelical mission whose goal is to reach young people through the medium of sports.

MARTHA WALKER, '75, and Tom MCCLARNON announce that they will be grandparents in May, for the second time. They are pulling for a boy this time. They also have a 15-year-old son.

KEITH PATMAN, '75, who resides in Kensington, Md., received word from Cameroon, where he and **FRANKIE (DILLINGER), '77x**, worked as Wycliffe translators, that hundreds of the Gunu people have received certificates for passing the reading and writing course and now the book of Mark is about to be published as their first book in the Ngunu language. Funds are still needed to provide for this project. Meanwhile, Keith is preparing translator's notes in French and needs a native French assistant to prepare the work for publication.

Nard and SANDY (NEUMANN), '75, PUGYAO traveled extensively in 2000 to speak on behalf of Wycliffe at several conferences, to visit friends and share family times from their residence at Waxhaw, N.C., at the JAARS Center. Plans for this year include a Digabat mission trip to the Philippines to clear the overgrown Digabat air strip and build a house for a resident translator. The Pugyaos plan to be in the Philippines from Feb. 27 to the last part of June to get 5,000 copies of the Ismag New Testament revised and reprinted.

TIMOTHY D. NEFF, '76, announces his marriage to Eliane Silva de Almeida, on Dec. 9, 2000, in Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil. Tim is a missionary/pastor there, and Eliane has just completed her second year of Baptist seminary.

BETTE THEILIG, '76, BEANE has been teaching at the University of North Carolina for two years, after earning her Ph.D. in human development and family studies. She and her husband, Mark, have been married for 15 years and have a son, Josh, 13. They live in Asheboro, N.C., where Mark is senior pastor of First Wesleyan Church. Bette is starting a non-profit organization for women's support/issues, Bright Horizons for Women.

ALBERT DAVIDSON JR., '76, lives in York, Pa., where he is pastor of Manor Baptist Church and Real Life Fellowship. While at Bryan he taught Bible in the Rhea County public schools.

JEFF, '76, and Darlene BRUEHL of Dayton, Tenn., announce the birth of their first granddaughter to Angie and Chris O'Keefe, both students at Bryan, where Jeff continues to teach. Faith Grace O'Keefe was born Nov. 27, 2000.

DAVID, '77, and Lesa TURNER have been serving at the Oaxaca Christian School in Oaxaca, Mexico, for two years to provide an education for missionary children including their own four—Calista, seventh grade; Steven in fifth; and Justin in second; and Donny at in preschool. David is principal of the school. Lesa is teaching calculus, advanced math and algebra II, while taking care of their preschooler and home duties. The Turners plan to spend their mini-furlough this summer in Tennessee visiting family and partners.

Bartolome and **REBECCA (GOLDSTON), '77x, CALLES** report from Villagordo, Spain, that they have decided to build a church with a contractor who has agreed to complete the work by May. They are trusting God for the funds for this important step in their ministry. They have distributed hundreds of Scripture text calendars with the prayer that people will use them for the daily reminders from God's Word. They have made weekly contacts in other towns some distance away to encourage Christians and minister to inquirers.

Wesley and **LORI (CURRIE), '78x, TABER** rejoice in the ministry opportunities that the Lord gives through their involvement with American Messianic Fellowship International from their home in Lansing, Ill. Lori has administrative responsibility for donor contacts through use of the computer. With their youngest daughter in high school and the three older children in local colleges, their "empty nest" had been postponed, so some are able to help in the family ministry. Wes has been teaching classes on "Perspectives on

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the World Christian Movement," an overview of the history and biblical foundation of missions. This spring he is scheduled for six more classes in cities in Michigan and Illinois.

Dana and **CHRISTY (HENRY), '79 OLSON** reside in Crystal Lake, Ill., near Chicago. In January, Dana began his fifth year as director of the Strategic Prayer Initiative with the Baptist General Conference, which involves challenging conference churches nationwide in the area of prayer.



Dana and Christa Olson, Anna, Mary and Betsy

In October 2000, Dana and Christy went as part of a prayer team to visit and pray with BGC missionaries in Cameroon, Africa, implementing their work of organizing prayer teams to minister to BGC missionaries overseas.

VERN, '79, and Dorris STEVENSON have been in the Czech Republic since August 2000, and have been busy getting situated, beginning language study and visiting SEND missionaries. They traveled across Poland and Czech Republic soon after they arrived. They have enjoyed the beautiful decorations for Christmas, but they are aware that there is a lack of knowledge of the true meaning of Christmas and trust the Lord to open doors for them to share with individuals the real joy in knowing Jesus Christ.

JAMES, '79, and Jane WELLS, who serve with the Christian and Missionary Alliance mission, are spending the last year of their third term in Quito, Ecuador, at the Alliance Academy as co-dorm parents and managers of the dorm meals and hot lunch program at the school. Their son, Joshua, will graduate at the Academy this year and the family will go for a one-year home assignment this summer. They look to the Lord for direction for Josh in his next step as well as for their own plans.

Mark and **PRISCILLA (CHAPMAN), '79, YOUNG** and their three children live in Garland, Texas, with Mark's continued association at Dallas Seminary. The family has been blessed with fellowship at the Stonebriar Community Church.

80's

Reunions

*Class of '81
October '01 (20 years)*

*Class of '86
October '01 (15 years)*

JACK E. (TAD) MAROON JR., '80, recently was called to serve as pastor at First Baptist Church in Crisfield, Md. He and his wife, Patricia, will be relocating from Elkton, Md., in June.

MICHAEL "MICKEY" MERRICK, '80, plans to bring his daughter, Rebecca (Becky) to Bryan College Caravan March 22-23. They will be traveling to Bryan from Tahlequah, OK.

Dave and **SUSAN (SMITH), '80 HARRIS**, moved in June 2000 to Winston-Salem, N.C., along with two sons, Matthew, 14, and Christopher, 10. Susan transferred with Branch Banking and Trust as a floating client sales representative in the many BB&T branches in that area on a part-time basis. Dave began a new job with Cessna Citation in

Greensboro in April to commute about 45 minutes, but still has time for projects at home like painting the exterior of their two-story house and building a fence.

MARK, '80, and Maritza PADGETT continue teaching at the ESEPA school in San Jose, Costa Rica, with daughters Stacy in first grade and Rachel in kindergarten. Classes began on Feb. 26, with Mark and Maritza each teaching one class. Earlier in February, Mark was able to visit his family in North Carolina, and to participate in a missions conference in Florida. He is still involved in the extension department for ESEPA and in charge of the missions department. Maritza was named director of Christian education in their church, which puts her in charge of two Sunday schools; V.B.S., which had over 200 kids and almost 50 workers; children's camp expecting 100; and adult discipleship Bible classes and ministry training.



Scott and Margaret Smith, Rachel, Andrew and Cristina.

SCOTT, '81, and MARGARET (KOEHN), '84x, SMITH traveled in 24 states and Canada before returning to Spain last fall with plans to move to Africa in 2001. Scott has been writing the survey results on languages of Equatorial Guinea for Wycliffe. In December he was scheduled to make his sixth trip to Africa to meet colleagues and authorities to discuss terms of their partnership in language development and translation initiatives. Margaret is homeschooling Andrew, first grade, Cristina, third, and Rachel, sixth.

DAVID, '81, and KATHLEEN (DAY), '83, CLASSEN moved to a new address at 9756 Walfran, Brighton, Mich., 48114. Dave is pastor of Ore Creek Community Church in Hartland, Mich. Dave has been looking for a youth pastor. He has enjoyed leading a small group of men who are new believers and who show leadership potential. Kathy leads a group of women who are eager to grow. She also helps to plan and carry out the church services. They have three children—Christine, 13, Kelly, 10, and Kyle, 7.

David and **YVONNE (HEFFNER), '83, DEAVER** announce the birth of their son, Benjamin, on July 5, 2000, weighing 7 lbs, 5 ozs. His sister, Lauren, is 2.

RICHARD, '83x and KIM (FIORI), '83, PARKER serve in Benevides, Para, Brazil. The new school year for Word of Life opened with 50 full-time students, and the Christian grade school has 70 children, more than doubling last year's attendance. This ministry includes many non-Christians and reaches out to parents. The doors are opening and 45 kids are coming to Sunday school regularly and many adults and teens are attending Bible studies. Exciting news is that 11 people from Santana community, where work started last year, will be baptized in June. Twenty teens from the boat ministry participated in January camps and four invited Christ into their hearts.

DAN OBERG, '84, is an associate minister of youth and education at Georgetown Evangelical Free Church in Georgetown, Ky. He and his wife, Peg, have three children, Naomi, 19; Nolan, 18; and Nick, 16. This church hosted the Worldview Team last fall and everyone had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Ray and **ANN (EGNER), '84, BYLE**, announce the birth of their fourth child, Jared Raymond, on Nov. 6, 2000. Jared joins sisters Gabrielle, 10, and Abigail, 8, and brother Jay, 2. Ann is a very busy mom and a freelance writer.

Gayle and **CHERYL (JOHNSON), '84, RYLE**, who live in Bamako, Mali, West Africa, with their three sons, have been in Mali for six years and can observe a lot of growth among the Malian people. This is the third year of the MAF Bamako Christian School with 35 missionary children and 4 teachers; 33 students have already signed up for next year in grades K-8. The MAF office has trained nationals to repair computers for missionaries, and 12 new students came last May for a month-long computer course. Two MAF technicians do most of the radio repairs.

RANDY, '85, and CAROL, '84, VERNON spent two weeks with their four children at Pinecrest Conference Center

for the Program in Language Acquisition Training as part of the preparation requirements of EFCM for prospective missionaries who will learn a second language. They are having language sessions with a Hungarian-American who lives in Johnson City, Tenn., and having an internship with their home church, Grace Fellowship. They are eager to be on their way to Hungary, but they may decide that Randy should finish up his master's degree in about five months of classes at Denver Seminary before leaving the States.

BRIAN, '85, and Fran GEIGER request your prayers for healing for Brian. A brain tumor was discovered in October 1999 after a grand mal seizure. Not all of the tumor could be removed in surgery, so chemo was prescribed immediately. Since the tumor did not shrink after the first two rounds of treatment, radiation, along with chemo, has begun. Brian continues to work and they are trying to maintain a normal life for their three young children: AJ, Chad and Nicki. Please pray for wisdom as they try to help their children deal with the illness; endurance for Fran; shrinking of the tumor during the radiation; strength for Brian to keep working; and healing. They would love to be contacted at frang@flash.net.

MIKE ALFORD, '85, is giving leadership to Athletes in Action for all of Africa. He and his wife, Tricia, have three children, Taylor, 8; Megan, 5; and Jessica, 2. They have lived in Cape Town, South Africa since 1997.

DAVID, '85, and RUTH (SNYDER), '86, HOBBS continue to reside in Palm Harbor, Fla., where David has been a pastor for the past 12 years. Ruth homeschools their three children, Elizabeth, 9; Emily, 6; and Joseph, 3.

Missionaries **BOB, '86, and AMY (BECKHAM), '87, HAY** visited Harry and **DAWN (KINTER), '87, LEACH** at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo Japan. Pictured are their children, Stewart Leach, Andy Hay, Alan Hay, Alan Leach, at the Air Base.



Stewart Leach, Andy Hay, Alan Hay and Alan Leach

NAN (COX), '87, and Scott MORRIS announce the birth of their fifth child, Gregory Steven, on Sept. 20, 2000.



Scott and Nan Morris, Matt, Randy, Rebecca, Katherine and Gregory

FRED, '87, and JUANITA (TUCKER), '94, DUONG arrived with their four daughters in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in December. They have begun Thai language study, bought a car and learned to drive on the left side of the road, and eaten many types of noodle soup. As they observe the city with its history and culture, three things stand out: Buddhist temples, pictures of the Thai king displayed everywhere, and monks in orange robes. Christians are a very small minority, but the Duongs are conscious of the amazing grace and unconditional love of God, which they experienced in the past year during the international administration training at Dallas and the field training in the Philippines. This has prepared them for their new situation in Thailand, where they anticipate sharing God's Word and His love with the Thai people.

BRENDA (VANDIVER), '89, MERCHANT sent us an update on her family. She and her husband, Gary, live in Bay City, Mich., and have two daughters, Jennifer, 4, and Rachel, 2. She still teaches part-time and Gary works for a local printing company.

VINCENT, '89, and **AMY PYLE** live in LaVale, Md., where he is a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Cumberland, Md. Amy is working for a CyberRep Corporation in customer service.

They are active in church activities as part of the youth leadership team and praise and music ministries.

DAWN R. HOFFMAN, '89, contacted us from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where she is employed as operations training manager at Office Depot. She has thousands of memories of her life at Bryan, but especially recalls her greatest struggle was after a car accident in February before graduating in May. She recalls that each day was a constant struggle emotionally, physically and spiritually until she realized that she truly had to turn to the Lord for guidance and strength.

Kevin and **GINA (RAGGIO), '89 MCNELLY** and their two sons, Jeffrey and Jay, left Chattanooga, Tenn., in May, 1999, to serve in the Philippines with LifeChanger Ministries. Recently they had a successful two-day medical/dental clinic where more than 400 people heard the Gospel and received medical treatment and medicine.

Steve and **DAWN (STACY), '89, HONECKER** are based at Idyllwild, Calif., for their ministry with Materials Transportation Service of JAARS. Steve serves as the West Coast operations manager for Western North America and Pacific Rim countries. Dawn often provides hospitality for other drivers who work with Steve. In addition she works for Wycliffe's Quest program at Tahquitz Conference Center several times a year.

90's

Reunions

*Class of '91
October '01 (10 years)*

*Class of '96
October '01 (5 years)*

CHRISTOPHER BURCHAM, '90, was chosen Teacher of the Month for November at Florida Bible Christian School. He joined the staff there to help revitalize the Bible and Christian Studies Program.

BETH HORNISH, '90, reviews the past year at Evangelical Christian Academy in Madrid, Spain, as a treasure box filled with the faithfulness of God, so she looks forward to 2001 for more opportunities to experience His presence, to share His love and to experience His joy. Beth is teaching this year and traveled to Budapest with five students and another teacher for a student leadership training conference.

TREVOR, '91, and **Ruth BOOT** announce the birth of their daughter, Tiffany Elodie, on Nov. 11, 2000. They live in Mittelhausen, France.

INGRID (KREIN), '90, and **Steve MORRIS** announce the arrival of their daughter, Isabella Rose, on Sept. 3, 2000. The Morris family resides in Lawrenceville, Ga.

GREG, '91, and **CHRISSEY (CAMPBELL), '91, BARKMAN** and **JIMMY, '90,** and **CHRISTINE (MASSEY), '91, DAVIS** and their two sets of twins—Samuel and Zachary



Greg and Chrissy Barkman, Samuel and Zachary, at left; Christine and Jimmy Davis, Abi and Micah at right.

Barkman and Abi and Micah Davis, got together and sent a picture for Bryan Life. Chrissy and Christine were suitmates at Bryan and had the twins within 10 months of each other.

MARK, '92, and **NATALIE (CAWOOD), '97, CRUVER** announce the birth of their second son, Andrew Ruben, on Feb. 11, weighing 8 lb. 6 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. Andrew joins brother Seth, 2.

GLYNN STONE, '95, is associate pastor at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, and is finishing his Ph.D. degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary.

CLAY, '95, and **PORTIA (STONE), '93, CAUSEY** reside in Knoxville, TN. They have three children, Caly, Cade and Corban. Clay is chairman of the Bible department of Berean Christian High School and recently completed his Th.M. at Dallas Theological Seminary.

JOHN, '95, and **ANGELA (GRIGGS), '95, SPEARS,** announce the birth of their son, Andrew, on February 19. John is employed at Inprax Performance Resources as director of business development. Angela works two days a week for a company that markets residential real estate and stays at home with Andrew.

BRIAN, '95, and **Becky EASTLING** announce the birth of their first son, Theodore Brian, on August 19, 2000. Theodore weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. They live in North Webster, Ind., where they both work with Camp Good News, a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Brian serves as the camp administrator and Becky is the office manager.

JAMIE S., '96, and **Heidi REED,** were married July 17, 1999, in Beltrami, Minn. Jamie worked at Rawhide Boys Ranch in New London, Wisc., before moving to Columbia, S.C., where he is painting new homes with Palmetto Decorators.



Jonathan Wilkinson

ordained minister in May 1999. The Wilkinsons live in Dawsonville, Ga., where David is president of Master Teach Institute, a virtual graduate leadership school. Angie enjoys staying home with Jonathan as a full-time mom.

NATHANAEL, '97, and **BETH (WILSON), '97, CLARK** were married and live in Acworth, Ga.

PHIL, '97, and **CHRISTY (TILLY), '97, PREWETTE** to announce the arrival of their daughter, Talia Carinne, on Jan. 6, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz., and was 18 3/4 inches long.

NATHAN, '98, and **KRISTEN (KOCHER), '97, LORENZEN** announce the arrival of their daughter, Amelia Grace, on Oct. 19, 2000. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long.



Ethan Bridenstine

KELLY, '98, and **HEATHER (JOLLY), '99, BRIDENSTINE** came by the Alumni Ministries office to announce the birth of their son, Ethan Caleb, on Nov. 2, 2000. The Bridenstine family lives in Spring City, Tenn.

SHARON WOOD, '98, is performing in a musical called "Children of Eden" at the South Carolina Children's Theater. Sharon is employed as a closing specialist at Larry K. Wood, PA., in Piedmont, S.C.

BRENDA NOLLMEYER, '98, and **Tony PEGG** were married July 1, 2000, at the Minneola Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Clermont, Fla. Bryan alumni in attendance were **KRISTIE MATTSO, '98, ALLISON**

HOBSON, '98, DIANA WHORLEY, '98, JAMIE COOPER, '98, and **MATTHEW HARGRAVES, '98.**



Diana Whorley, Allison Hobson, Tony and Brenda Pegg, Kristie Mattson, Jamie Cooper and Matthew Hargraves.

HEATHER (ARWE), '98, and **Brandon ALVERSON** would like to announce the birth of their first child, Gabriel Michael, on Nov. 6, 2000, weighing 6 lbs., 10 oz.

RUBEN STANCEL, '99, contacted Alumni Ministries by email and updated his recent move. He lives in Mauldin, S.C., where he is a technical support analyst at DataStream Systems, Inc.

DAVID, '99, and **AMY (NACE), '99, GERHART** live in Murfreesboro, Tenn. David completed a second bachelor's degree in December at Middle Tennessee State University in audio engineering. Amy attends the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, where she is working toward a pharmacy degree. They plan to relocate to Philadelphia in May.



Gabriel Alverson

With the Lord

HAZEL (RODDY) SHARP, '34, died Feb. 27, in Dayton, Tenn. She was 92, and a lifelong resident of Rhea County, Tennessee. She taught at Rhea County High School and Frazier Grammar School, where she also served as principal. A daughter, a sister and grandchildren survive her.

JANET A. WEBB, '39, died April 4, 2000. She was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, Eustis, Fla.

SARAH MABEL ARNOLD WALKER, '40, died Jan. 6, 2000, after some weeks of illness in a retirement home in Newark, Ohio. She shared with her husband in ministry in Southern Baptist churches in the Columbus, Ohio, area. Mabel is survived by her husband, Arthur Walker, and three children, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

RUHE (RUDD) PRINGLE, '44, died Feb 2, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. She taught school for 29 years. Surviving are her husband, Douglas Pringle, a daughter and two sons.

JODI (HADLOCK) MERRILL, '96, died unexpectedly Jan. 1, as a result of an undetected heart disease. Following graduation Jodi taught kindergarten at Merritt Island Christian School and coached junior high basketball and volleyball until her death. She was married to William Merrill in May 1999, with **FAITH WRENN, '96,** as her maid of honor.

On behalf of Brett Roes, director of Bryan College Alumni Ministries, I want to take just a moment to thank each one for taking the time to read our email and to reply with an update on your lives. We had a tremendous response, more than we could put into the Spring issue of Bryan Life, but never fear, we will include them as soon as possible. Please continue to send us your updates. We love hearing from you. Again, thank you and may God bless each of you as you continue to let God lead you on your journey through life.

*In Christ,
RuthAnn Williams
Assistant to the Director of Alumni Ministries*

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